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Congressman Ben Cardin



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Dear Friends,

In the closing days before the August recess, Congress passed a major appropriations bill that will provide significant new funding for efforts to clean up the Chesapeake Bay.

The Bay is our state's greatest natural resource and it is our responsibility to protect and restore it for future generations. I am pleased that the recently passed appropriations bill contained several specific requests that I made for funding. First, \$6 million was included for a regional pilot program to help in removing non-source nutrients from the Bay. This funding is part of the Chesapeake Bay program, which is a unique regional partnership to improve the Bay's water quality involving Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

The bill also included my request for additional funds for the Environmental Protection Agency's Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants program. This program provides grants to local organizations to build citizen-based stewardship of the Bay. Last year, 93 projects received between \$5,000 and \$50,000 through the watershed grants program.

Finally, I am also pleased that the Parks & People Foundation will receive \$197,000 in additional funding to help restore the Baltimore urban watershed. This funding will complement federal, state, and local agencies working to implement the 2000 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Partnership Agreement.

We've made enormous progress in restoring the Chesapeake Bay watershed, but our work is not done. These funds are critical to continue our efforts to improve the Bay.

Sincerely,

Benjamin L. Cardin
Member of Congress



CARDIN HELPS PLANT SEAGRASS IN BACK CREEK

The Congressman is joined by volunteers in planting seagrass as a way to restore a natural shoreline to Back Creek in Annapolis. Rep. Cardin presented the community with a check for \$49,824 as part of the Living Shoreline Grants program, a unique public-private partnership among The Bay Trust, National Fish and Wildlife Federation, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Campbell Foundation for the Environment.

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Answer	Percent
Yes	82.8%
No	17.2%
Total	100%

New Survey Question

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Yes

No

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